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TO: ENERGY STAR[®] Telephony Partners and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Craig Hershberg, Product Manager

RE: Notice to Expand the ENERGY STAR Telephony Specification (Version 1.0) to Include Additional Handsets for Dual and/or Multi Handset Units

On November 13, 2003, you received correspondence that EPA was considering amending the Telephony specification to allow qualification of additional handsets, sold for use with Dual and/or Multi Handset capable telephones. Following feedback from several manufacturers, EPA is moving ahead with the proposed amendment. Effective immediately, partners may qualify and label additional handset products provided they meet the new ENERGY STAR requirement of 1.5 watts or less. The current specification (Version 1.0) can be found at <http://www.energystar.gov/library>. (Click on "Product Specifications" under "Manufacturers and Retailers" and then on "Home Electronics.")

Partners are reminded that the Tier 2 requirements for telephony are currently under revision. As such, the current Tier 1 requirements will remain in effect until a new Tier 2 is developed. Additional information, including timeframe and proposed Tier 2 levels, will be forthcoming.

Version 1.0 Eligibility Criteria with Additional Handset Amendment

Table 1 from the Telephony Eligibility Criteria (Version 1.0) has been amended to (i) include a new category for Additional Handset products, and (ii) reflect the ongoing revisions to the Tier 2 requirements.

Product Category	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		January 1, 2002 –TBD	TBD
	Standby Mode	Standby Mode	Standby Mode
• Additional Handset*	# 1.5 watts	TBD	TBD
• Answering Machine* • Cordless Telephone*	# 3.3 watts	TBD	TBD
• Answering Machine with SST* • Cordless Telephone with SST*	# 3.6 watts	TBD	TBD
• Combination Cordless Telephone/Answering Machine*	# 4.0 watts	TBD	TBD
• Combination Cordless Telephone/Answering Machine with SST*	# 5.1 watts	TBD	TBD

***Note:** Any power consumed by an external power supply must be included when metering the unit for ENERGY STAR qualification.

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support of ENERGY STAR. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9120 or hershberg.craig@epa.gov. As with all program documents, this correspondence will be made available on the Product Development portion of the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment for future reference.